

TEXAS TOWN TOPICS.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED BY POST REPORTERS.

The Local Doings at Hempstead, Orange, Moscow, Livingston, Yonkers, Flatonia and Other Live Texas Towns—News Briefed.

FLATONIA, December 25.—Last night a crowd of seven or eight town boys took a hand-car belonging to a work train that was stationed here and were riding up and down the side track when they were fired upon by parties who took to be men belonging to the train. One shot struck Dick Wheeler's leg, another struck August Pankenstein in the arm, inflicting a slight wound, while another took effect in Jim Rose's mouth, coming out at the back of his neck and knocking out several teeth. The wound is considered very dangerous. Warrants were sworn out for John Duff, foreman of the work train, and Dick Smith, one of his men, charging them with the shooting, and they were placed in the city jail about 2 o'clock a. m. The boys claim that they were merely riding for practice, that they were not requested to stop, and that the shooting was entirely unprovoked. The men under arrest, in conversation with the reporter, said they did not wish to make any statement until they had consulted an attorney. The examination trial will probably take place tomorrow.

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Tomorrow the Grand Minors gave their annual performance at the grand opera house. The performance was an excellent one, and the company was well represented. The Grand Minors are a well-known company, and their performance was well received. The company is expected to give a performance at New York and perhaps other neighboring towns.

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Athens, December 25.—An attempt to burn N. A. Smith for Charles and Ella Smith and others who were charged with the burning of the N. A. Smith building. The attempt was made by a crowd of about 50 men, but it was repulsed by the police. The N. A. Smith building is a well-known building in Athens, and its burning would have been a great loss to the city.

Woodville, December 25.—The trial of George W. Woodville on the charge of killing W. J. Woodville on December 25, 1893. The trial was held at the Woodville court house, and the jury was composed of 12 men. The case was heard by Judge J. H. Woodville, and the jury returned a verdict of guilty. George W. Woodville was sentenced to the state prison for 10 years.

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Moscow, December 25.—Christmas is being celebrated here in grand style. A magnificent Christmas tree will be heavily loaded tonight, and a large number of visitors from neighboring towns are in the city. The tree is expected to be the largest ever seen in Moscow.

Jasper, December 25.—The Jeff Davis High School played "Bohemia" to a large audience and realized a handsome profit. The play was well received, and the school is expected to give another performance soon.

CRIMINAL CALENDAR.

DARING ROBBERY OF A PACIFIC EXPRESS AGENT.

While Making the Transfer at Marshall He Is Knocked Down and \$8000 Secured—Police Officers Arrested for Murder.

Marshall, Texas, December 25.—At 5 o'clock this morning the Pacific Express company was robbed by a negro of about 30 years. At the rear of the Texas and Pacific train from the West arrived and all south-bound express is transferred to the Northern Pacific train. The distance from one train to the other is only a few feet and the platform is illuminated by electric lights. This morning Messengers A. McCulloch and Charles Neudell were making the transfer. As McCulloch was walking across the track he was hit from behind by the robber and his pouch taken from him. Messenger Neudell was standing close by when the robbery occurred and fired one shot at the robber, but without effect. He says the robber was a negro. The weapon used by the thief was a stick of stove wood, which inflicted a painful wound. The officers this morning found a black hat, a white collar and an old worn pair of pants just north of the depot. With this exception nothing of importance has been learned. McCulloch's wound is above the right eye and is very painful. He was taken to Express Agent Yorkers and a physician, summoned. This morning he is feeling better.

When the robbery occurred the platform was piled with people. It is claimed that only six persons saw the occurrence. The amount secured is estimated at from \$500 to \$1,000, in currency.

The Sunset Robbery.

San Francisco, California, December 25.—Interviews with witnesses and passengers aboard the train which was held up near Sunset and the robbery which followed. The train was carrying a large number of passengers, and the robbery was a great loss to the community. The police are investigating the case, and it is expected that the murderer will be caught soon.

Colwell, December 25.—W. W. Colwell, who at the present time is in the city of Houston, was arrested on the charge of killing W. J. Colwell on December 25, 1893. The trial was held at the Colwell court house, and the jury was composed of 12 men. The case was heard by Judge J. H. Colwell, and the jury returned a verdict of guilty. W. W. Colwell was sentenced to the state prison for 10 years.

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AN EXTRA SESSION.

COLORADO'S LEGISLATURE WILL CONVEY IN EXTRA SESSION.

Some Thirty Subjects Mentioned as Needing Attention—Legislation on Silver Began—The Governor's Dramatic Invocation.

Denver, Colo., December 25.—Governor Waite tonight issued the long talked-of call for a special session of the legislature to meet Wednesday, January 1, 1894. The call consists of about 300 words and mentions over thirty subjects on which legislative action should be taken in the governor's opinion.

The governor justifies the proclamation by declaring that the mining interests of the state have been injured and the present administration. The law has so reduced values and increased the burden of taxation that the agriculturists, fruit growers and stockraisers are obliged to sell their products below the cost of production and the extraordinary remedies now granted creditors in Colorado should be repealed.

"Appealing to Almighty God for the redress of my intentions and willing to assume the entire responsibility of the act," the governor solemnly declares, "I issue this proclamation."

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LAKE CHARLES.

A Government Bar Pilot Has Trouble in Connection With His Work.

Lake Charles, La., December 25.—There is trouble between the pilots at Lake Charles. A few weeks ago Captain Roberts, a pilot of experience on the river and gulf, received a commission from Governor Roberts as government bar pilot at Lake Charles. He has been in the position for some time, but he is not popular with the other pilots.

There is considerable interest felt in this city as to the outcome of the controversy. The other pilots are not in favor of Captain Roberts, and they are threatening to strike him. The governor is expected to take action on the matter soon.

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